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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Treatment of Victims of Domestic Violence, Policy Letter #35

1. References:

- a. AR 608-1 Family Advocacy Program; 20 October 2003
- b. AR 608-1 Army Community Service, 28 July 2004

2. Purpose: To establish procedures and responsibilities in the treatment of victims of domestic violence in the 235th Base Support Battalion (BSB),

3. Scope: This SOP applies to all personnel within the 235th BSB footprint

4. Policy:

a. Domestic violence is, unfortunately, a factor in our society and in our Military Community. Although we work diligently in the 235th BSB to prevent domestic violence, we cannot turn our heads when it occurs.

b. Victims of domestic violence are often frightened, feel alienated, and may be both physically and emotionally injured. It is the role of all professionals within the 235th BSB to assist the healing process of domestic violence victims by:

(1) Keeping the victims' safety firmly at the forefront during the investigation, assessment, and treatment process.

(2) Treating all victims of domestic violence with compassion.

(3) Ensuring that all victims of domestic violence are aware of the resources available to them (e.g., services available through Social Work Service, the Family Advocacy Program, Transitional Compensation, etc).

(4) Under no condition will the recanting of information provided by an alleged victim of domestic violence be the sole reason for ending the investigation or assessment of a credible report of domestic violence.

(5) Also, in order to further protect all parties in alleged incidents of domestic violence, commanders will issue "No Contact Orders" when the alleged offender is a member of the military. If the service member must return to the home to retrieve needed items, command will provide an escort. If the alleged victim is the service member, the commander will take whatever steps necessary to help ensure the service member's safety.

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(6) The rights of both the alleged offenders and alleged victims will be considered at all times during the investigation, assessment, and treatment of domestic violence incidents.

5. Point of contact is the Family Advocacy Program manager at DSN 467-2516.

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